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10/691741**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: TOYOAKI NAMBA, ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: Unassigned

FILED: October 22, 2003

FOR: **SHEET ACCUMULATION PROCESSING
DEVICE**

EXAMINER: Unassigned

ART UNIT: Unassigned

**Transmittal of Continuation Patent Application
for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor(s): Toyoaki Namba, Kyosuke Taka, Hideki Mimura and Yoshihisa Ogasawara, and entitled:

SHEET ACCUMULATION PROCESSING DEVICE1. Enclosed are:

- ☒ One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail.
- ☒ One utility patent application containing text pages 1-45 and
 - ☒ 28 Sheets of Formal drawings.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement w/ PTO 1449 form and five (5) cited references.
- ☒ Declaration of Inventorship
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.

2. Amendment

- ☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- ☐ Please cancel original claims _____, inclusive, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim should be retained for filing purposes.)

3. Extension of Time

- ☐ A petition for extension of time has been filed in the parent to extend the pendency of the parent to (copy enclosed).
- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing *if* required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- ☒ This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/103,229 filed June 23, 1998, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. (*also type on P. 1 of Spec.*)

5. Foreign Priority

- ☒ Priority of Application No. 9-165937 filed in Japan on June 23, 1997 is claimed under 35 USC §119.
- ☒ Priority of Application No. 10-102737 filed in Japan on April 14, 1998 is claimed under 35 USC §119.
- ☐ A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

6. Prior Documents Still In Effect

- ☒ This application and parent application, Application No. 09/103,229 filed June 23, 1998 are assigned of record to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha and Nisca Corporation., as recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 9466 and Frame 0437, recorded September 14, 1998.
- ☐ Power of Attorney in the above-identified prior application is to and the other attorneys or agents identified therein.

7. Entity Status

- ☒ Large entity status applies to this application.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27

8. Fees

The filing fee has been calculated taking into account any amendments in section 2 above:

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Basic Fee				\$385.00	or		\$770.00
Total Claims	14		x \$ 9 =	\$	or	x \$ 18 =	\$
Independent Claims	3		x \$43 =	\$	or	x \$ 86 =	\$
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- ☐ *Filing fee to be submitted in response to anticipated receipt of Notice to File Missing Parts. DO NOT CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

Respectfully submitted,
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